

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, please replace the paragraph beginning in line 10 from the bottom with the following paragraph.

--The process of producing a Nile red luminescent compound represented by formula (10) comprises reacting ~~1-naphthol~~ 1-naphthol with a 4-nitrosoaniline, the amino group of which is bonded with substituents R^1 and R^2 , wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, and R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different from each other; and reacting the compound obtained in the previous reaction with sulfur.--

On page 29, please replace the paragraph beginning in line 2 with the following paragraph.

--First, ~~1-naphthol~~ 1-naphthol is reacted with a 4-nitrosoaniline, the amino group of which is bonded with substituents R^1 and R^2 , wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, and R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different from each other, which produces the intermediate compound shown in reaction formula (c).--